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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 10/016,922  
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Dear Marsha:

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Frank M. Caprio', written in a cursive style.

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